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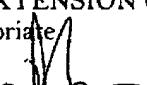
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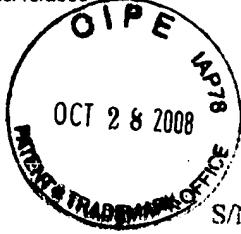
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Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office Communication mailed September 29, 2008 regarding the non-patent literature documents. On August 18, 2008 a communication was submitted regarding two non-patent literature documents which were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and not considered by the Examiner. Applicants were not re-submitting an Information Disclosure at that time, but merely requesting consideration of references previously submitted. A second communication was filed September 15, in which a copy of the original postcard receipt was enclosed to confirm that the 4 references were originally submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement at the time of filing the application. Applicants were not re-submitting an Information Disclosure Statement at that time. Therefore, since no Information Disclosure Statements were filed, no fees or Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e) were due, and the September 29, 2008 Office Communication is in error.

Applicants respectfully request confirmation the references have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,



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